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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Application No. 10/024,632
Filed: December 19, 2001
Title: *Nucleic Acid Molecules Associated With Plant Cell
Proliferation And Growth And Uses Thereof*
Inventors: HE, Steve S. *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 38-21(51837)B

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Respectfully submitted,

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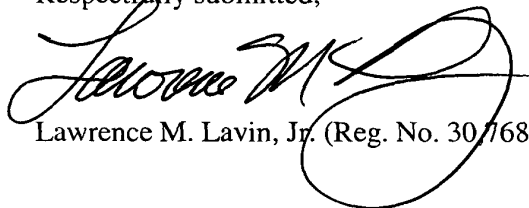
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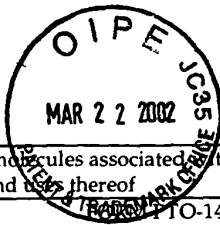
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